(d) and (e) Shatabdi Express trains have a separate fare structure keeping in view the specialised service provided therein including fast travel. Even though Railways take efforts to absorb the increase in input costs, certain adjustments in tariff are unavoidable.

Unauthorised vendors at platforme on the New Delhi Station

8081. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that about four hundred persons are selling all kinds of eatables, etc. at various platforms of New Delhi Railway Station unauthorisedly without any licence with the help of Government police;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Railway Catering Department has been incurring loss of lakhs of rupees on account of non-payment of licence fee by these unauthorised vendors; and

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to check such unauthorised vending business on platforms?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Catering, excluding fruit & fruit juice, at New Delhi Railway Station is run departmentally through commission vendors. Cases of unauthorised vending at New Delhi Railway Station come to notice from time to time. In the drives conducted from Nov. '94 to 20-5-95, 709 unauthorised vendors including those of eatables, were apprehended and a fine of Rs. 1,59,892 realised from them. Loss on account of unauthorised vending, it however not quantifiable.

(c) Hawking/selling eatables or articles by unauthorised vendors/hawkers in trains and on station premises is an offence under Section 144 of the Railways Act, 1989. To eradicate this menace Task force consisting of ticket checking staff and Railway Protection Special Force has been formed. Persons so apprehended are dealt with in accordance with Railway rules.

Construction of Rayaguda-Gopalpur Port, Malkangiri-Jeypore and Talcher-Gopalpur rail lines

8082. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of Rayaguda-Gapalpur Port, Malkangiri-Jeypore and Talcher-Gopalpur rail lines has been pending with Government since long;

(b) whether there have been growing demand from Orissa to take up construction of these lines; and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken to consider the construction of these lines?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There has been some representations to take up the construction of these lines.

(c) The survey conducted for Talcher-Gopalpur rail line indicated a rate of return below the desirred level. There is no proposal for construction of the other two lines.

Contract for earthwork by CCI at Bombay

8083. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Container Corporation of India Limited, Bombay has given contract for earthwork at various place, in and around Bombay, during the last one year;

(b) if so, what are the names of companies who have been given this earthwork contract, with the value of each contract; and